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For : OPTICAL DATA RECORDING MEDIUM AND MATERIAL FOR  
HEAT-RESISTANT PROTECTION LAYER FOR THE SAME

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES,  
AND  
SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2002, applicant elects the species comprising nitrides, to which claims 11-13 are directed.

In the Claims:

Please add claim 16 as follows:

16. (New) A protection layer for a data recording medium, the protection layer comprising:
- a basic material; and
  - a compound having a thermal conductivity greater than or equal to 10 W/m.deg when in a bulk state, said compound comprising one or more of the compounds selected from the group consisting of:
    - zinc oxide in a molar ratio with the basic material of 3% to 50% zinc oxide,
    - titanium oxide in a molar ratio with the basic material of 10% to 98% titanium oxide,

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